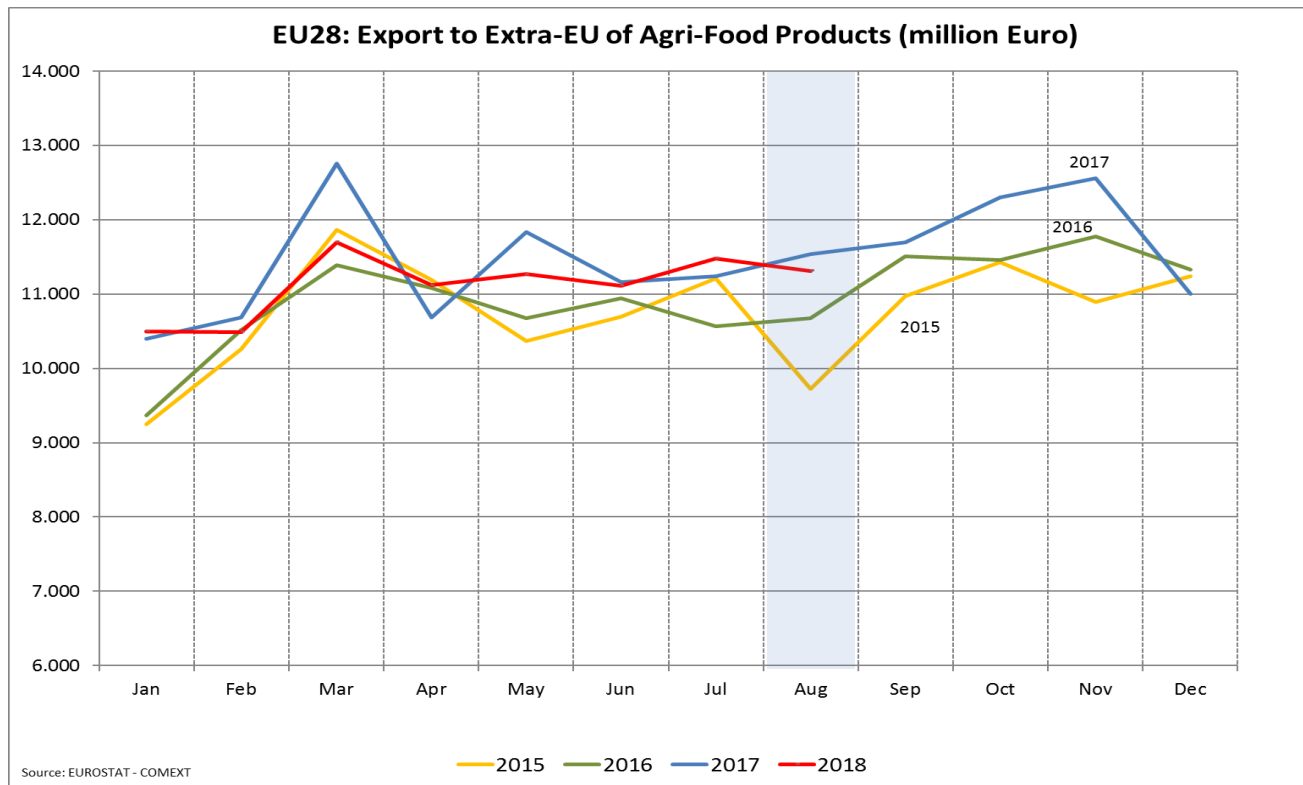


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until August 2018



August 2018: Export performance remains stable; imports from US continue to increase

The value of EU agri-food trade in the month of August 2018 experienced a moderate decline to **EUR 11.3 billion** in exports and **EUR 9.1 billion** in imports. Monthly import value decreased slightly, by 0.6% compared to August 2017, while the value of exports registered a 2% dip versus August 2017. Thus the monthly agri-food trade surplus was reduced to **EUR 2.2 billion** – a 7% decrease from August 2017.

The highest increases in monthly export values (August 2018 compared to August 2017, EUR million) were recorded for **Algeria** (+31, an increase of 14.5%), **Saudi Arabia** (+30) and **Singapore** (+27), while exports fell most to **China** (-92), **Turkey** (-37) and **Iran** (-34).

Sectors which showed the highest export growth (EUR million) were **cereals other than wheat and rice** (+51), **sugar** (+34), **pasta and bread** (+32) and **wine** (+31). Notable falls in exports were recorded for **milk powder** (-78), **vegetables** (-62), and **wheat** (-47).

The value of August 2018 EU agri-food imports compared to August 2017 increased significantly for imports coming from the **USA** (+186), **South Africa** (+57) and **Russia** (+56). The value of imports from **Ivory Coast** (-109), **Argentina** (-64) and **Paraguay** (-58) went down the most.

Significant increases were recorded in import values of **soya beans** (+101) and **wheat** (+38), while imports of **other cereals** (-104), **sugar** (-74) and **tropical fruit** (-68) decreased in value terms.

Strong export performance of sugar, wine and spirits, while slow-down for wheat, milk powder and pork

For the 12-months period of September 2017 to August 2018, EU agri-food **exports** maintained a value of **EUR 136.6 billion**, corresponding to a slight increase of 0.1% in value terms compared to the same period one year ago.

Major gains in annual values (EUR million) have been achieved in agri-food exports to **Japan** (+345; +6%), **Ukraine** (+287; +17%), **Russia** (+259; +4%), **Singapore** (+237; +11%) and **Turkey** (+207; +6%). The **USA** remains the most important export market for EU agri-food exports, although a slight decrease was recorded over the past 12 months (-134; -1%).

Annual export values reflect a downward trend for destinations in the **Middle East**, in particular the **United Arab Emirates** (-521; -17%) and **Saudi Arabia** (-473; -11%). Export values also went down for Vietnam (-269; -20%), China (-250; -2%), and Iran (-99; -15%).

In EUR million, **wine** (+634; +6%), **sugar** (+501; +70%) and **spirits and liqueurs** (+404; +4%) exports have been performing well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased notably for pasta and pastry (+255), infant food (+246), pet food (+223), and waters and soft drinks (+214).

On the other hand, **wheat** exports have experienced the most significant drop in value terms (EUR million) on an annual basis (-478; -11%). Other categories with notable losses in export values over the last 12 months were **milk powder** (-414; -10%), **pork meat** (-392; -8%), **fruit** (excluding citrus and tropical fruit) (-327; -13%), **vegetables** (-252; -8%) and **raw hides, skins and furskins** (-251; -14%).

Net trade surplus retains strength; large increase in sugar and wine net exports

Agri-food **imports** from third countries in the 12-months period between September 2017 to August 2018 accounted for **EUR 114.6 billion**, i.e. a decrease of -2.6% compared to the same period one year ago. Driven by the stronger export performance over the 12-months period, the **export surplus** nevertheless remains at **EUR 22 billion** (+EUR 3.2 billion; +17%).

The most important sources for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months (EUR billion) remain **Brazil** (11.9) and the **USA** (11.2), followed by **China, Argentina, Ukraine, Switzerland, Indonesia** and **Turkey**, each accounting for between EUR 4.5 and 5.5 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports (EUR million) from the **USA** have decreased (-272; -2%). Imports also decreased by relatively high values from **Indonesia** (-546; -11%), **Argentina** (-531; -9%), **Ivory Coast** (-490; -13%), and **Australia** (-398; -16%).

On the other hand, the value of imports from **South Africa** (+272; +11%), **Tunisia** (+219; +49%) and **Morocco** (+200; +9%) increased the most. Over the 12 months period, EU import values also went up for agri-food products coming from Chile (+197; +8%), India (+186; +6%) and China (+167; +3%).

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values over the last twelve months were recorded for **fruit** (excluding tropical) (+359; +6%), **olive oil** (+314; exceptional import growth of +92%), **other cereals** (+235; +8%) and **fatty acids** (+226; +10%). However, import values decreased in particular for **cocoa beans** (-968; -21%), **unroasted coffee** (-946; -12%), as well as for **sugar** (-719; -48%) and **palm oil** (-691; -11%).

The last table in the annex of this monthly newsletter presents the **trade balance** and its development by product category. It is worth noting that over the past 12 months, for products with a positive trade balance, the highest increase in net exports was achieved in **sugar** followed by **wine**.

Table 1: EU28 agri-food exports – top 20 destinations

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17		Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		136.404	136.555	151	0,1	11.540	11.314	-226	-2,0
United States of America	1	21.820	21.686	-134	-0,6	1.929	1.899	-30	-1,5
China	2	11.538	11.289	-250	-2,2	938	845	-92	-9,9
Switzerland	3	8.148	8.100	-48	-0,6	621	593	-28	-4,5
Japan	4	6.254	6.599	345	5,5	550	558	8	1,5
Russia	5	6.301	6.560	259	4,1	540	526	-14	-2,6
Norway	6	4.397	4.435	38	0,9	385	379	-6	-1,4
Hong Kong	7	3.958	3.938	-20	-0,5	307	311	4	1,3
Saudi Arabia	8	4.216	3.743	-473	-11,2	290	320	30	10,4
Turkey	9	3.428	3.634	207	6,0	262	225	-37	-14,1
Canada	10	3.503	3.629	125	3,6	310	327	16	5,3
Australia	11	3.171	3.286	115	3,6	313	303	-10	-3,3
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.995	2.903	-92	-3,1	205	199	-6	-2,8
United Arab Emirates	13	3.151	2.631	-521	-16,5	265	232	-33	-12,5
Algeria	14	2.536	2.451	-85	-3,4	212	243	31	14,5
Singapore	15	2.144	2.381	237	11,1	191	219	27	14,4
Ukraine	16	1.690	1.978	287	17,0	141	161	21	14,7
Israel	17	1.817	1.878	61	3,4	138	155	16	11,9
Brazil	18	1.636	1.814	178	10,9	159	167	8	5,3
South Africa	19	1.833	1.755	-78	-4,2	158	159	1	0,9
Morocco	20	1.470	1.569	99	6,7	82	80	-2	-2,1
<i>other countries</i>		<i>40.397</i>	<i>40.297</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-0,2</i>	<i>3.546</i>	<i>3.413</i>	<i>-133</i>	<i>-3,8</i>

Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in August 2018

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17		Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		136.404	136.555	151	0,1	11.540	11.314	-226	-2,0
Algeria	14	2.536	2.451	-85	-3,4	212	243	31	14,5
Saudi Arabia	8	4.216	3.743	-473	-11,2	290	320	30	10,4
Singapore	15	2.144	2.381	237	11,1	191	219	27	14,4
Mexico	21	1.482	1.418	-64	-4,4	141	164	23	16,2
Ukraine	16	1.690	1.978	287	17,0	141	161	21	14,7
Vietnam	26	1.363	1.094	-269	-19,7	92	110	17	18,8
Israel	17	1.817	1.878	61	3,4	138	155	16	11,9
Canada	10	3.503	3.629	125	3,6	310	327	16	5,3
Lebanon	28	1.040	1.038	-2	-0,2	64	77	13	20,4
Kuwait	39	687	666	-21	-3,0	48	60	12	24,3
Russia	5	6.301	6.560	259	4,1	540	526	-14	-2,6
Djibouti	126	94	46	-48	-50,7	18	3	-15	-84,5
Sudan	84	184	166	-18	-9,9	35	15	-20	-57,7
India	32	917	865	-53	-5,8	87	67	-21	-23,7
Switzerland	3	8.148	8.100	-48	-0,6	621	593	-28	-4,5
United States of America	1	21.820	21.686	-134	-0,6	1.929	1.899	-30	-1,5
United Arab Emirates	13	3.151	2.631	-521	-16,5	265	232	-33	-12,5
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	43	668	569	-99	-14,8	68	34	-34	-49,8
Turkey	9	3.428	3.634	207	6,0	262	225	-37	-14,1
China	2	11.538	11.289	-250	-2,2	938	845	-92	-9,9
<i>other countries</i>		<i>59.675</i>	<i>60.733</i>	<i>1.057</i>	<i>1,8</i>	<i>5.149</i>	<i>5.040</i>	<i>-109</i>	<i>-2,1</i>

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Difference Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17		Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	136.404	136.555	151	0,1	11.540	11.314	-226	-2,0
Commodities	23.328	23.051	-277	-1,2	1.940	1.900	-40	-2,1
Other primary	24.119	23.345	-774	-3,2	1.939	1.807	-132	-6,8
Processed	26.220	27.111	890	3,4	2.118	2.179	60	2,8
Food preparations	29.700	30.540	840	2,8	2.635	2.667	32	1,2
Beverages	17.947	18.493	546	3,0	1.721	1.746	25	1,5
Non-edible	15.092	14.938	-154	-1,0	1.186	1.153	-33	-2,8
Wheat	4.188	3.709	-478	-11,4	408	361	-47	-11,6
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.588	1.733	145	9,1	93	144	51	55,3
Rice	220	237	17	7,6	15	9	-6	-37,6
Flours and other products of the milling industry	812	734	-78	-9,6	62	50	-12	-19,1
Malt	989	1.015	26	2,6	88	97	9	10,4
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.041	1.001	-41	-3,9	92	86	-6	-6,2
Soyabeans	81	119	38	47,5	1	1	0	-35,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	736	821	85	11,6	33	31	-2	-5,4
Palm & palm kernel oil	184	163	-21	-11,3	15	16	0	2,4
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.449	2.271	-178	-7,3	184	179	-5	-2,9
Oilcakes	297	339	41	13,9	24	23	-1	-5,1
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.124	1.165	41	3,6	97	115	18	18,8
Beet and cane sugar	718	1.218	501	69,8	57	91	34	59,7
Sugar, other than beet & cane	525	529	3	0,7	44	50	6	14,0
Milk powders and whey	4.334	3.920	-414	-9,6	396	318	-78	-19,7
Butter	887	917	30	3,4	73	77	4	5,7
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.214	1.286	73	6,0	97	95	-2	-2,4
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	518	506	-12	-2,2	48	40	-8	-16,0
Cocoa beans	16	20	4	24,4	1	2	1	129,3
Cocoa paste and powder	1.341	1.201	-139	-10,4	108	101	-7	-6,8
Agricultural commodities, not specified	66	145	80	120,8	6	15	9	165,9
Live animals	2.820	2.925	106	3,7	283	278	-5	-1,7
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	805	839	35	4,3	74	79	5	6,3
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.211	4.819	-392	-7,5	390	362	-28	-7,1
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.503	1.565	62	4,1	137	137	0	-0,1
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	126	127	1	0,7	11	10	-1	-10,6
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	3.023	2.794	-229	-7,6	246	216	-30	-12,3
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.198	1.272	74	6,2	108	99	-9	-8,4
Eggs and honey	658	683	25	3,7	54	56	2	3,6
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.151	2.900	-252	-8,0	251	190	-62	-24,6
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.440	2.113	-327	-13,4	172	154	-18	-10,3
Citrus fruit	508	535	27	5,2	12	12	0	-4,4
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.057	1.059	3	0,2	75	73	-3	-3,4
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.619	1.714	96	5,9	124	141	17	14,0
Agricultural primary products, not specified	1	0	-1	-100,0	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.295	1.371	76	5,9	111	118	7	6,2
Cheese	3.936	3.960	24	0,6	337	334	-3	-1,0
Olive oil	2.774	2.768	-6	-0,2	211	210	0	-0,1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.588	4.750	162	3,5	366	395	29	7,8
Fruit juices	877	832	-45	-5,1	71	67	-4	-5,4
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	11.608	12.241	634	5,5	929	960	31	3,3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.144	1.189	45	3,9	94	95	1	1,4
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.405	5.576	172	3,2	524	537	13	2,4
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	7.213	7.459	246	3,4	609	610	1	0,1
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4.942	5.197	255	5,2	460	492	32	7,0
Soups and sauces	1.270	1.307	37	2,9	109	110	1	1,0
Coffee and tea extracts	793	770	-23	-2,9	73	63	-10	-13,9
Food preparations, not specified	6.059	5.989	-70	-1,2	500	503	2	0,5
Pet food	4.019	4.242	223	5,5	360	353	-7	-1,9
Waters and soft drinks	3.633	3.847	214	5,9	338	350	13	3,8
Beer	3.406	3.368	-39	-1,1	309	313	4	1,3
Spirits and liqueurs	10.657	11.061	404	3,8	1.050	1.066	17	1,6
Odoriferous substances	251	218	-33	-13,1	25	17	-8	-33,6
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.802	1.551	-251	-13,9	88	69	-18	-20,6
Non edible animal products	476	503	28	5,8	39	40	1	3,4
Wool and silk	136	147	11	8,3	11	11	0	0,0
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	831	863	33	4,0	22	34	13	58,3
Cut flowers and plants	713	743	30	4,2	50	57	7	13,7
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.710	1.835	125	7,3	156	160	3	2,0
Raw tobacco	966	872	-95	-9,8	70	70	0	0,1
Cigars and cigarettes	3.529	3.413	-116	-3,3	284	275	-10	-3,4
Fatty acids and waxes	559	619	60	10,8	50	43	-7	-13,7
Sugar alcohols	128	134	6	4,4	9	12	2	27,2
Essential oils	694	786	92	13,3	65	65	0	-0,7
Ethanol	166	192	25	15,2	15	22	7	47,2
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	2.000	1.819	-181	-9,0	171	154	-17	-10,0
Non-edible, not specified	1.225	1.294	69	5,6	143	125	-18	-12,5
Products non-attributable	158	167	9	5,7	13	16	3	23,5

Table 4: EU28 agri-food imports – top 20 origins

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17	Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17		
			mio €	mio €	mio €			%	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			117.612	114.569	-3.043	-2,6	9.143	9.085	-58	-0,6
Brazil	1	11.700	11.855	154	1,3	946	905	-41	-4,3	
United States of America	2	11.437	11.165	-272	-2,4	796	982	186	23,4	
China	3	5.319	5.486	167	3,1	436	449	14	3,2	
Argentina	4	5.754	5.223	-531	-9,2	556	492	-64	-11,5	
Ukraine	5	5.089	5.049	-41	-0,8	372	392	20	5,3	
Switzerland	6	4.685	4.585	-99	-2,1	369	359	-10	-2,7	
Indonesia	7	5.108	4.562	-546	-10,7	374	357	-16	-4,4	
Turkey	8	4.522	4.509	-13	-0,3	320	302	-18	-5,6	
India	9	3.151	3.337	186	5,9	238	250	12	5,2	
Ivory Coast	10	3.771	3.281	-490	-13,0	356	247	-109	-30,6	
South Africa	11	2.582	2.854	272	10,5	258	315	57	22,2	
Vietnam	12	2.667	2.549	-118	-4,4	240	213	-27	-11,1	
Chile	13	2.346	2.543	197	8,4	205	198	-8	-3,8	
New Zealand	14	2.315	2.407	92	4,0	199	210	11	5,3	
Morocco	15	2.174	2.374	200	9,2	70	73	3	4,4	
Thailand	16	2.337	2.314	-23	-1,0	201	206	5	2,4	
Colombia	17	2.369	2.279	-89	-3,8	191	164	-27	-14,2	
Canada	18	2.263	2.156	-107	-4,7	105	129	24	23,1	
Australia	19	2.492	2.094	-398	-16,0	128	113	-16	-12,3	
Peru	20	2.307	2.090	-218	-9,4	215	186	-29	-13,5	
<i>other countries</i>			33.224	31.857	-1.367	-4,1	2.569	2.543	-25	-1,0

Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in August 2018

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17	Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17		
			mio €	mio €	mio €			%	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			117.612	114.569	-3.043	-2,6	9.143	9.085	-58	-0,6
United States of America	2	11.437	11.165	-272	-2,4	796	982	186	23,4	
South Africa	11	2.582	2.854	272	10,5	258	315	57	22,2	
Russia	24	1.359	1.387	27	2,0	66	122	56	84,2	
Singapore	49	200	363	162	81,0	23	48	25	108,2	
Canada	18	2.263	2.156	-107	-4,7	105	129	24	23,1	
Ukraine	5	5.089	5.049	-41	-0,8	372	392	20	5,3	
Ecuador	23	1.544	1.594	50	3,2	114	133	19	16,6	
Nigeria	43	652	505	-147	-22,6	33	51	18	54,6	
Tunisia	36	449	668	219	48,7	29	45	17	59,5	
Ghana	26	1.466	1.295	-170	-11,6	110	127	17	15,1	
Malawi	51	362	312	-49	-13,6	30	11	-18	-62,6	
Vietnam	12	2.667	2.549	-118	-4,4	240	213	-27	-11,1	
Colombia	17	2.369	2.279	-89	-3,8	191	164	-27	-14,2	
Mexico	25	1.297	1.312	14	1,1	128	100	-28	-21,8	
Peru	20	2.307	2.090	-218	-9,4	215	186	-29	-13,5	
Malaysia	21	2.148	1.974	-174	-8,1	199	162	-38	-18,9	
Brazil	1	11.700	11.855	154	1,3	946	905	-41	-4,3	
Paraguay	34	1.087	702	-385	-35,4	106	47	-58	-55,1	
Argentina	4	5.754	5.223	-531	-9,2	556	492	-64	-11,5	
Ivory Coast	10	3.771	3.281	-490	-13,0	356	247	-109	-30,6	
<i>other countries</i>			57.108	55.958	-1.151	-2,0	4.271	4.214	-57	-1,3

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Difference Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17		Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17	
	mio €				%	mio €		
All agri-food products	117.612	114.569	-3.043	-2,6	9.143	9.085	-58	-0,6
Commodities	49.986	45.559	-4.426	-8,9	3.802	3.762	-40	-1,0
Other primary	32.301	33.131	830	2,6	2.439	2.401	-38	-1,6
Processed	12.964	12.712	-252	-1,9	1.057	1.069	12	1,1
Food preparations	7.341	7.794	454	6,2	635	692	58	9,1
Beverages	2.985	3.274	289	9,7	270	291	21	7,9
Non-edible	12.039	12.298	259	2,2	940	895	-45	-4,8
Wheat	1.107	1.142	35	3,2	63	101	38	60,0
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	2.880	3.115	235	8,1	291	211	-80	-27,5
Rice	1.092	1.246	154	14,1	92	105	13	14,4
Flours and other products of the milling industry	169	154	-15	-8,7	14	14	0	-2,1
Malt	6	7	1	0,0	0	0	0	-55,1
Starches, inulin & gluten	57	70	13	22,6	5	6	1	23,0
Soyabeans	5.202	4.984	-218	-4,2	342	442	101	29,5
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	4.021	3.589	-432	-10,7	288	297	8	2,9
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.553	5.862	-691	-10,5	531	474	-57	-10,8
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.632	2.242	-390	-14,8	163	175	11	6,9
Oilcakes	7.484	7.087	-397	-5,3	562	573	10	1,8
Other feed and feed ingredients	950	966	16	1,7	71	92	21	29,4
Beet and cane sugar	1.506	787	-719	-47,7	121	47	-74	-61,3
Sugar, other than beet & cane	453	433	-20	-4,4	34	29	-5	-15,0
Milk powders and whey	47	45	-2	-5,0	4	4	0	-2,6
Butter	60	84	23	38,9	9	19	10	110,8
Gums, resins and plant extracts	943	1.020	76	8,1	79	81	3	3,2
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	8.163	7.217	-946	-11,6	582	618	37	6,3
Cocoa beans	4.582	3.614	-968	-21,1	378	315	-63	-16,7
Cocoa paste and powder	2.078	1.874	-204	-9,8	173	160	-13	-7,6
Agricultural commodities, not specified	1	26	25		0	1	1	
Live animals	278	240	-39	-13,9	12	14	2	20,7
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.709	1.684	-25	-1,4	145	113	-31	-21,5
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	29	29	0	-1,0	2	2	0	12,2
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	285	483	199	69,8	25	58	33	130,2
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	944	1.068	124	13,2	63	70	7	10,6
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.109	1.166	57	5,1	111	90	-21	-18,5
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	25	23	-2	-9,1	2	2	0	-13,5
Eggs and honey	502	524	22	4,4	46	39	-7	-14,9
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.879	4.652	-227	-4,7	244	243	-1	-0,4
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.219	6.578	359	5,8	325	352	27	8,4
Citrus fruit	1.955	2.087	132	6,8	292	312	20	6,9
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.621	13.801	179	1,3	1.118	1.050	-68	-6,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	740	797	56	7,6	55	55	0	0,3
Agricultural primary products, not specified	5	0	-4	-95,0	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.992	1.748	-244	-12,2	147	146	-2	-1,1
Cheese	429	428	-1	-0,1	34	31	-3	-8,4
Olive oil	340	653	314	92,3	27	58	31	112,2
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.569	3.307	-262	-7,3	309	274	-35	-11,4
Fruit juices	2.264	2.260	-4	-0,2	195	197	1	0,6
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.696	2.726	30	1,1	217	235	18	8,1
Roasted coffee and tea	1.675	1.589	-86	-5,1	126	128	2	1,5
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.220	1.287	67	5,5	110	117	7	6,8
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	458	658	200	43,6	43	73	30	69,9
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.316	1.352	36	2,8	111	113	2	1,4
Soups and sauces	708	720	13	1,8	60	62	3	4,3
Coffee and tea extracts	521	476	-45	-8,7	39	35	-5	-11,5
Food preparations, not specified	1.893	1.950	57	3,0	160	165	5	3,0
Pet food	1.226	1.352	126	10,3	112	127	15	13,8
Waters and soft drinks	1.028	1.099	71	6,9	99	103	4	4,2
Beer	381	415	34	8,8	37	41	4	11,9
Spirits and liqueurs	1.564	1.749	185	11,8	134	147	13	9,6
Odoriferous substances	11	11	0	0,0	1	1	0	-9,8
Raw hides, skins and furskins	683	618	-65	-9,5	29	17	-11	-39,3
Non edible animal products	383	407	23	6,1	30	33	3	9,2
Wool and silk	896	992	95	10,6	32	51	19	60,5
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	567	582	16	2,7	41	40	-1	-3,4
Cut flowers and plants	1.333	1.327	-6	-0,5	96	92	-3	-3,6
Bulbs, roots and live plants	905	928	23	2,5	70	68	-3	-4,0
Raw tobacco	2.404	2.347	-56	-2,4	193	160	-33	-16,9
Cigars and cigarettes	272	336	64	23,7	26	26	0	0,7
Fatty acids and waxes	2.179	2.405	226	10,4	219	210	-8	-3,8
Sugar alcohols	28	44	16	58,6	6	5	-1	-9,9
Essential oils	996	1.060	64	6,5	87	89	2	1,9
Ethanol	272	277	5	1,7	31	30	-1	-3,5
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	691	663	-27	-4,0	61	54	-7	-11,0
Non-edible, not specified	5	10	5	87,3	0	1	1	
Products non-attributable	425	302	-123	-29,0	20	19	-1	-5,0

Table 7: EU28 agri-food trade balance (exports – imports) by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Sep-16 - Aug-17	Sep-17 - Aug-18	Difference Sep-17 - Aug-18 to Sep-16 - Aug-17		Aug-17	Aug-18	Difference Aug-18 to Aug-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	18.792	21.986	3.194	17,0%	2.397	2.229	-168	-7,0%
Commodities	-26.657	-22.508	4.149	15,6%	-1.862	-1.863	-1	0,0%
Other primary	-8.182	-9.787	-1.605	-19,6%	-500	-594	-94	-18,8%
Processed	13.256	14.399	1.143	8,6%	1.061	1.110	48	4,6%
Food preparations	22.360	22.746	386	1,7%	2.000	1.975	-25	-1,3%
Beverages	14.962	15.219	257	1,7%	1.451	1.455	4	0,3%
Non-edible	3.053	2.640	-413	-13,5%	246	258	12	4,8%
Wheat	3.081	2.568	-513	-16,7%	345	260	-85	-24,7%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-1.292	-1.381	-89	-6,9%	-198	-67	131	66,3%
Rice	-872	-1.009	-137	-15,7%	-77	-95	-19	-24,5%
Flours and other products of the milling industry	643	580	-64	-9,9%	48	36	-11	-24,0%
Malt	983	1.008	26	2,6%	87	97	9	10,7%
Starches, inulin & gluten	984	931	-54	-5,4%	87	80	-7	-7,8%
Soyabeans	-5.121	-4.864	257	5,0%	-340	-441	-101	-29,7%
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	-3.285	-2.768	517	15,7%	-255	-265	-10	-3,9%
Palm & palm kernel oil	-6.369	-5.699	670	10,5%	-516	-458	58	11,2%
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-183	30	212		21	4	-17	-79,7%
Oilcakes	-7.187	-6.748	439	6,1%	-538	-550	-12	-2,1%
Other feed and feed ingredients	174	199	25	14,4%	26	23	-3	-10,5%
Beet and cane sugar	-788	432	1.220		-64	44	108	
Sugar, other than beet & cane	73	96	23	31,9%	10	21	11	117,1%
Milk powders and whey	4.287	3.875	-412	-9,6%	392	314	-78	-19,8%
Butter	827	833	6	0,8%	64	58	-6	-9,3%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	270	267	-3	-1,3%	18	13	-5	-26,7%
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.645	-6.711	935	12,2%	-534	-578	-44	-8,3%
Cocoa beans	-4.566	-3.594	972	21,3%	-377	-312	64	17,1%
Cocoa paste and powder	-737	-672	65	8,8%	-65	-59	6	8,9%
Agricultural commodities, not specified	65	120	54	83,5%	6	14	9	155,7%
Live animals	2.541	2.685	144	5,7%	271	264	-7	-2,6%
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-904	-845	59	6,5%	-70	-34	36	51,1%
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.182	4.791	-392	-7,6%	388	360	-28	-7,2%
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.218	1.082	-136	-11,2%	112	79	-33	-29,5%
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-817	-941	-123	-15,1%	-52	-60	-8	-15,2%
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.913	1.628	-286	-14,9%	136	126	-10	-7,3%
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.173	1.249	76	6,5%	106	97	-9	-8,3%
Eggs and honey	157	159	3	1,7%	8	17	9	105,8%
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.728	-1.752	-24	-1,4%	8	-53	-61	
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.779	-4.465	-686	-18,2%	-152	-198	-45	-29,7%
Citrus fruit	-1.447	-1.552	-106	-7,3%	-280	-300	-21	-7,4%
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.564	-12.741	-177	-1,4%	-1.043	-977	65	6,3%
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	878	918	39	4,5%	69	86	17	25,0%
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-4	0	4	94,2%	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-697	-377	320	45,9%	-36	-27	9	23,8%
Cheese	3.507	3.532	25	0,7%	303	303	0	0,0%
Olive oil	2.434	2.115	-319	-13,1%	183	152	-31	-16,9%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	1.019	1.443	424	41,6%	57	120	64	112,6%
Fruit juices	-1.388	-1.428	-41	-2,9%	-125	-130	-5	-4,0%
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	8.912	9.515	603	6,8%	712	725	13	1,8%
Roasted coffee and tea	-531	-401	131	24,6%	-32	-33	-1	-1,7%
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.185	4.290	105	2,5%	414	420	5	1,3%
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.755	6.801	46	0,7%	566	537	-29	-5,2%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.626	3.845	218	6,0%	349	379	30	8,7%
Soups and sauces	563	587	25	4,4%	49	48	-1	-2,9%
Coffee and tea extracts	271	294	23	8,3%	34	28	-6	-16,8%
Food preparations, not specified	4.166	4.039	-127	-3,0%	341	338	-2	-0,7%
Pet food	2.793	2.889	96	3,4%	248	226	-22	-9,0%
Waters and soft drinks	2.605	2.748	143	5,5%	239	248	9	3,6%
Beer	3.025	2.953	-72	-2,4%	272	272	0	0,0%
Spirits and liqueurs	9.092	9.311	219	2,4%	916	919	4	0,4%
Odoriferous substances	241	208	-33	-13,7%	24	16	-8	-34,4%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.119	933	-186	-16,6%	59	52	-7	-11,4%
Non edible animal products	92	97	4	4,6%	9	8	-1	-15,4%
Wool and silk	-760	-844	-84	-11,0%	-21	-39	-19	-89,5%
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	264	281	17	6,6%	-19	-5	14	72,2%
Cut flowers and plants	-620	-584	36	5,9%	-46	-35	10	22,5%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	805	907	102	12,6%	86	92	6	7,0%
Raw tobacco	-1.437	-1.476	-38	-2,7%	-123	-90	33	26,6%
Cigars and cigarettes	3.257	3.077	-180	-5,5%	259	249	-10	-3,8%
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.621	-1.786	-166	-10,2%	-168	-167	1	0,9%
Sugar alcohols	100	89	-11	-10,8%	4	7	3	86,7%
Essential oils	-303	-275	28	9,3%	-22	-24	-2	-9,8%
Ethanol	-106	-85	21	19,6%	-17	-8	8	48,8%
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.309	1.155	-154	-11,7%	110	100	-10	-9,4%
Non-edible, not specified	1.219	1.283	64	5,3%	143	124	-19	-13,1%
Products non-attributable	-267	-134	132	49,6%	-7	-3	4	54,5%